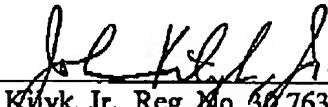


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REMARKS

This "Amendment" effects the cancellation of claim 17, which is being pursued in a separate divisional patent application in response to an "Order" (effecting a restriction requirement) from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. No other amendment to the claims has been made by way of the "Amendment," and no new matter has been added by way of this "Amendment."

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